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STATUS OF MINERAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of iron-ore, aluminium, copper cotted, zinc (concentrated), lead (concentrated), gold (ore), magnese ore, chromite and diamond has declined year by year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the target fixed for the production of these items and the total quantity of these items produced alongwith the demand in respect of the said items during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the said proposal is likey to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): As per available information, production of iron ore, aluminium, copper concentrate, zinc (concentrated), lead (concentrated), gold (ore), magnese ore, chromite and diamond has increased in 2006-07 as compared to previous year. However, there has been a decline in the production of diamond in the year 2006-07 as compared to the previous year due to stoppage of mining for lack of pollution control clearance in certain mines.

(c) to (e): With the enunication of National Mineral Policy in 1993, the non -fuel, non-atomic mineral sector has been thrown open for private investment. Production and consumption of these mineals are controlled by market demand.